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Kenji TAGAWA et al.

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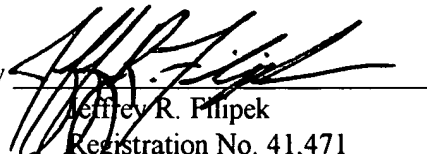
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In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to July 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In recent years, package medium such as compact disc (referred to as "CD" hereinafter) has formed the greater part of music data distribution. However, the CD medium hardly copes with pirated edition, namely, illegal copies. Moreover, an equipment, which can easily create CD-R (Compact Disc Recordable) based on the music CD, is on the market, and therefore anybody can make a copy from original edition, and therefore the copyright protection insufficient under the present conditions.

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